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ATTN: CHIEF, OPERATIONS (INFO )

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF LINES

1. THE LINE WILL NOT BE CONNECTED TODAY AS PROMISED; WE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING THROUGH TO THE LOCAL EXCHANGE; IT TOOK TWO DAYS JUST TO INSTALL APPROXIMATELY 150 FEET OF 4-WIRE LINE FROM A JUNCTION BOX TO OUR OFFICE; THE LINE IS LAYING ON THE GROUND; CROSSES OVER THE ROAD TWICE; IS WRAPPED AROUND THE NEIGHBORS' BANNANA TREE, AND HAS A TOTAL OF 16 SPLICES BETWEEN THE JUNCTION BOX AND OUR OFFICE; IF THE TRAFFIC DOES NOT WIPE IT OUT, THEN THE FIRST RAINS WILL; I HAVE COMPLAINED TO PTT AND THEY WILL CHANGE THE LINE SOON;

2. THIS MORNING WE WERE IN CONTACT WITH PTT AND THEY

PROMISED THAT EVERYTHING WOULD BE COMPLETED TODAY;

HOWEVER, THE TECHNICIAN WHO LEFT THE EXCHANGE, APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER FROM OUR OFFICE, FOUR HOURS AGO HAS STILL NOT SHOWN UP; HIS SUPERVISOR IS STILL TRYING TO LOCATE HIM BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE KNOWS HOW TO TEST THE LINES; WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH VARIOUS PTT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, AND THEY ALL PROMISE TO DO THEIR BEST; HOWEVER, WE ARE STILL WAITING;

3; I HAVE TO AGAIN CANCEL MY DEPARTURE; PLEASE INFORM MY WIFE SO SHE WILL NOT BE EXPECTING ME ON 21 NOVEMBER; I FEEL THAT I SHOULD STAY UNTIL THE LINE IS TESTED THROUGH THE EXCHANGE; WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF FURTHER PROGRESS; HUMMEL

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